

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1087

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Marie Parks Alcorn of Manchester.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Marie Parks Alcorn; and

WHEREAS, Marie Alcorn was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Bert and Katie Sue Parks, Marie Parks Alcorn was born on November 22, 1930; she enjoyed fifty-three years of marriage with her beloved husband, William Robert Alcorn, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, a skilled seamstress, Mrs. Alcorn was the owner and operator of Alcorn Fabrics in downtown Manchester from 1970 to 1981; she later worked at The Athletic Shop, where she sewed countless names and numbers onto jackets and team jerseys; and

WHEREAS, an active part of her community, Marie Alcorn worked tirelessly to organize and raise funds for the New Union Fire Department, which she served as treasurer for many years; from 1959 to 1962, she worked with others in her community to advocate for a new facility for New Union Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, in her later years, she continued to share her talent for nurturing and kindness through service as a teacher's assistant at East Coffee Elementary School, enjoying the opportunity to be amidst the children of the community; and

WHEREAS, for seven decades, she was an active and devout member of Goosepond United Methodist Church, which she served faithfully in numerous capacities over the years; and

WHEREAS, Marie Alcorn was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her six children, William Robert (Marie) Alcorn, Jr., Dorothy Shelton, Rebecca Alcorn Pilkinton Anderson, Nancy Alcorn, Barbara Alcorn (Ron) Wood, and Susie Alcorn (Darrin Kirkus); thirteen grandchildren, William Robert Alcorn III, Meg Alcorn (Aaron) Grunke, Kimberly Shelton (Andy) Stiffel, Jake Shelton, Karen Shelton (Nick) Shuford, Ryan (Brittany) Shelton, Melissa Shelton (Jeremy) Hand, Rachel Pilkinton (John) Stovall, Jesse (Amanda) Pilkinton, Kathryne Anderson (Jon) Coonce, J. Clark (Sasha) Anderson IV, Andy Wood, and Janet Wood (Nick) Galyen; twenty-seven great-grandchildren; siblings, Audra (Don) Steele, Leroy Connell (Mary Jane) Parks, David (Marie) Parks, and Joyce (Bobby) McGee; and a host of dearly loved nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her husband and her parents, Mrs. Alcorn was preceded in death by her daughter, Beverly Kay Alcorn, and her brother, Bill Parks; and

WHEREAS, Marie Alcorn leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Marie Parks Alcorn, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Alcorn.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.